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MEMORANDUM

From: Director of Naval Intelligence.  
To: Director of Central Intelligence.

Subj: Vulnerability of the United States to Clandestine Attack with  
Weapons of Mass Destruction.

1. A review of current estimates on the subject of the vulnerability of the United States to clandestine attack with weapons of mass destruction (atomic and biological) indicates that the military intelligence agencies do not have full knowledge of the protection provided by other agencies of the government against such an attack. Therefore, conclusions drawn from military papers on this complex subject are incomplete in the absence of consideration of the security functions of such governmental agencies as the Coast Guard, Customs Service, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

2. It is, therefore, recommended that the IAC agencies, assisted by other agencies of the government as required, prepare an estimate of the vulnerability of the United States to clandestine attack with weapons of mass destruction.

FELIX JOHNSON

NAVY review(s) completed.

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